

Appl. No. 10/600,774
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) An absorbent article comprising,
 - a. a fluid permeable facing layer having a first elastic modulus;
 - b. an absorbent core joined to the facing layer, the absorbent core having a second elastic modulus;
 - c. wherein at equal strain from about 1% to about 5% the first elastic modulus is greater than the second elastic modulus and wherein the facing layer is joined to the absorbent core at substantially the entirety of their respective interfacial surfaces; and
 - d. a fluid impermeable backsheet joined to the facing layer.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the density of the absorbent core is between about 0.050 g/cm³ and about 0.15 g/cm³.
5. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the facing layer has a caliper and the absorbent core has a second caliper, and wherein the ratio between the facing layer caliper and the absorbent core caliper is from about 1:3 to about 1:20.
6. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the absorbent article is a catamenial device.
7. (Cancelled).
8. (Cancelled).
9. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the facing layer comprises a topsheet and a secondary topsheet.
10. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 9, wherein said topsheet is an apertured, formed film topsheet.

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11. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 9, wherein said secondary topsheet is a nonwoven web.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 1, further comprising a pair of deep-embossed channels, the channels defining an effective width.
16. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 15, wherein said effective width is from about 20 mm to about 50 mm.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Cancelled)